SERVICE OF WORSHIP ~ ONLINE EDITION
THE LORD’S DAY ~ July 10, 2022

that in everything he might be preeminent. —Colossians 1:18

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WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH
We are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time or you’ve been here for years, we encourage you to look through the bulletin as you prepare for worship. Often, there will be some theme or main idea sprinkled throughout. Some elements of the service may be familiar to you, while other aspects might feel new. Either way, it will help to keep the basic pattern of worship in mind: praise, renewal, proclamation, and response. We encourage you to take a bulletin home for further reading and prayer. Finally, if you don’t have a Bible, feel free to take one from the pew as our gift to you.

IN PREPARATION
Are we fully devoted to Christ, even to the point of risking life and limb, or at least comfort and reputation? We may think today's subject applies mostly to martyrs and missionaries, but as our hymns point out we are called to forgive even in long offense and sorrow. We are called to still claim the name of Christ even when doubts arise, sometimes to our own ridicule. Can we honestly confess all is for Jesus? Those mighty in faith know the future reward in the kingdom of heaven far surpasses the present reward in this passing kingdom.
SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 10:45 AM

Announcements and Greeting

Scripture Meditation—Romans 12:1–2
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Introit

Call to Worship— Based on Psalm 133:1–3
Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

ALL: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

ALL: Therefore, praise the LORD, for he has commanded blessing; life forevermore!

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—All Creatures of Our God and King
All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623

Prayer of Adoration

Congregational Song—Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor
Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
when the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'rering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.
Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won; deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary; this my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath; We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful ever true We will hold fast to the anchor it shall never be removed

Text and Music: Matt Boswell ©2014 Doxology & Theology

Old Testament Scripture Reading—Portions of Psalm 51
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL:   Thanks be to God.
Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Grace—Lamentations 3:22–24
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Parents, you may escort your pre-school aged children to Children’s Bible Time (B-102)

Congregational Hymn—Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul
Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise; on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies. To thee I tell each rising grief for thou alone canst heal. Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for ev’ry pain I feel.

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine. The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline. Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust; and still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of sov’reign grace be deaf when I complain? No, still the ear of sov’reign grace attends the mourner's pray'r. Oh may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat; with humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet. Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat; with humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

Text: Anne Steel; Music: Matt Merker
Congregational Hymn—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be:
perish ev'ry fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;
human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like man, untrue.
And while thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
foes may hate and friends may shun me,
show thy face and all is bright.

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav’n’s eternal days before me,
God’s own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days,
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1824; Music: Jeff Borque

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—2 Samuel 23:13–17

UNSUNG HEROES: DAVID’S MIGHTY MEN

Tom Groelsema

Congregational Hymn—All for Jesus!
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being’s ransomed pow'rs,
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways;
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise.
Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust, boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I’ve lost sight of all beside; so enchained my spirit’s vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings, deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings.

Text: Mary D. James, 1889; Music: WYCLIFF, John Stainer, 1887

Benediction
SERVICE OF WORSHIP — 6:00 p.m.

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship—From Psalm 97:10–12
   Leader: O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
   ALL: He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
   Leader: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
   ALL: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Congregational Hymn—#277 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Prayer of Adoration

Old Testament Scripture Reading—The Ten Commandments
   Leader: I am the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
   ALL: You shall have no other gods before Me.
       You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
       You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
       Honor your father and your mother.
       You shall not murder.
       You shall not commit adultery.
       You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.

Congregational Psalm—Rise Up, O Church of God
   Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
   Give heart and mind and soul and strength
   To serve the King of Kings.
Rise up, O Church of God! His kingdom tarries long;  
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,  
Her strength unequal to her task, rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;  
As followers of the Son of Man, rise up, O Church of God!

Text: William P. Merrill; Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams


Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Hymn—#94 How Firm a Foundation

Preaching of the Word—1 Timothy 3:14–16

YOU ARE A PILLAR AND BUTTRESS

Nathan George

Congregational Hymn—#263 Lift High the Cross

Benediction

Due to the different editions of the Trinity Hymnal that are available, the text may vary.
In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another, and serving the body of Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Worship Services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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We hope you will visit the Guest Center in the main lobby so we can meet you!
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